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SUBJECT: MARIJUANA FROM JAMAICA SEIZED

1. THE HAITIAN POLICE ANNOUNCED FEB. 19 THE SEIZURE THAT MORNING OF 457 KILOS OF MARIJUANA FOUND IN 9 MATTRESSES OF A SEALAND COMPANY CONTAINER THAT WAS SHIPPED FROM JAMAICA IN MARCH 1974. THE MARIJUANA WAS DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE 9 MATTRESSES IN HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUAL PACKETS, WEIGHING ABOUT 2 POUNDS EACH. EIGHT OF THE MATTRESSES WERE SHIPPED BY AND CONSIGNED TO "JACQUES CALIXTE", AND ONE TO "MADAME FRANCOISE MOISE", BOTH LOCATED AT 67 RUE DU PEUPLE, PORT AU PRINCE. POLICE SAID THAT THE 2 NAMES WERE UNKNOWN AT THE ADDRESS GIVEN, AND PROBABLY ARE FICTITIOUS.

2. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME IN 5 MONTHS THAT THE HAITIAN POLICE HAVE LOCATED MARIJUANA BEING SHIPPED INTO HAITI FROM JAMAICA INSIDE MATTRESSES, THE FIRST SEIZURE OF 83 KILOS HAVING BEEN MADE ON OCT. 22, 1974, THE MARIJUANA HAVING BEEN IN A CUSTOMS WAREHOUSE SINCE MAY 1974 (PAUP A-171 OF 11/5/74, ITEM 5). GENERAL HILAIRE LATER ADVISED PRIVATELY THAT PART OF THE MARIJUANA SEIZED LAST OCT. HAD BEEN SHIPPED FROM JAMAICA BY EBERLE JOSEPH TO "MOISE G. FRANCOIS" IN HAITI.

3. MAJOR MAXIME ANTOINE, WHO DIRECTED BOTH SEIZURES, PRIVATELY SAID FEB. 20 THAT ALTHOUGH THE CONSIGNEES FOR BOTH SHIPMENTS WERE FICTITIOUS, HE BELIEVES THAT EBERLE JOSEPH IS AT LEAST THE
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NAME USED BY AN OTHERWISE UNIDENTIFIED HAITIAN MALE WHO RESIDES

IN MIAMI, AND WHO BOUGHT MARIJUANA IN KINGSTON FOR SHIPMENT TO THE US VIA HAITI. ANTOINE SAID HE COULD NOT REVEAL HIS SOURCES, BUT CLAIMED THAT JOSEPH WAS KNOWN WITHIN THE HAITIAN AND JAMAICAN COMMUNITIES IN MIAMI AS A DRUG TRAFFICKER, THAT HE MADE TRIPS TO KINGSTON, AND THAT HE INTENDED TO RETURN TO HAITI LAST DECEMBER. HOWEVER, SINCE JOSEPH DID NOT RETURN TO HAITI, AND NOBODY ATTEMPTED TO CLAIM THE MATTRESSES HELD BY SEALAND, ANTOINE CONCLUDED THAT JOSEPH HAD BEEN TIPPED OFF AND HAD CEASED USING THAT PARTICULAR MEANS TO SHIP MARIJUANA INTO HAITI.

4. ANTOINE IMPLIED THAT HE HAD LITTLE OR NO CONFIDENCE IN HIS JAMAICAN COUNTERPARTS, AND THAT HE WAS NOT COORDINATING WITH THEM. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT NEXT MARCH HE PLANNED TO REPRESENT HAITI AT AN INTERPOL CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN KINGSTON, AND WOULD CONSIDER THEN DISCUSSING THE CASE WITH JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES. HE WAS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT DEA AGENTS AT EMBASSY KINGSTON.

5. COMMENT - THIS IS THE FIRST TANGIBLE EVIDENCE IN RECENT MONTHS THAT HAITI WAS OR IS BEING USED AS A REGULAR TRANSIT POINT FOR MARIJUANA SHIPMENTS FROM JAMAICA TO THE US BY AN ORGANIZED GROUP. HOWEVER, NOTHING IS KNOWN ABOUT THE ONWARD SHIPMENT TO THE US OF THE MARIJUANA. ANTOINE IS A TOUGH AND DETERMINED COP, BUT OBVIOUSLY HE COULD BENEFIT FROM BETTER LIAISON WITH THE JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES AND DEA, DESPITE HIS SEEMING WARINESS TOWARD ALL FOREIGNERS. FORTUNATELY HE IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND DEA ADVANCED INTL. DRUG ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL NO. 11 NEXT MAY.
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